I am the Good Shepherd.
John 10:11.

The Shepherd

The good Shepherd giveth
his life for the sheep.
John 10:11

"I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP," John 10:7.

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Canada Grows Up

No doubt most of you who read this article can remember the days gone by when your greatest desire was to grow up, to get a job, to pay your own way through life. Little did you realize in those early years the responsibilities that would be yours, nor the trials and problems that you would have to face. Your dreams were centred around the idea of earning your own way through life. But I venture to say that despite all the problems that are yours, despite the responsibilities and the trials, you wouldn't dare to go back to those days of dependence upon others for everything.

Thus it is with our church work in Canada. Ever since our forefathers first came to this great country of ours and established the Lutheran church we have been dependent upon our friends in the States for both men and money. Our seminary in Saskatoon has solved the problem of men but even as late as 1949 we received financial assistance from the States to the tune of $11,470.88 over and above the amount that we raised. But we are growing up. In 1949 we were apportioned $23,000 and raised $28,573.84. We hope that when the story for 1950 is told even that amount will be exceeded.

At the general convention held in Minneapolis this summer the budget was increased from $1,800,000 to $2,100,000.00. This means that we in Canada will have to take our share. At the general allocation meeting held in July, Canada was asked to raise her budget to $30,000.00. An increase of $7,000 but an actual increase of $1,428 over what we raised in 1949.

The $7,000 increase in allocation will have to be divided out amongst the congregations in our district. That is when we will begin to realize the responsibilities that come with growing up. But that our District will meet up to its responsibilities we do not doubt for a moment. We are all looking forward to the day when it can be said that we have reached the walking stage in self support. Oh, yes, there may be a few "growing pains" with a complaint here, and there. But as a whole I am certain that none of us would want to go back to those days when we as a church were wholly dependent upon others for everything.

—M. B. Odland, Stewardship Secretary, Canada District.

ECHO FROM CAMROSE WEEK

Another Camrose Week has come and gone. And the memories of this week will always be remembered and cherished by all God's children who had the privilege to attend. God in His great goodness granted us eight glorious days of Alberta sunshine, and people from far and near gathered at five sessions daily to hear the Word of God, to pray, to fellowship and counsel together.

Many unsaved came forward for prayer, sought and found peace throughout the week; especially the last Sunday, a large crowd of people turned out for the meetings. Both the auditorium and basement of the spacious Camrose Lutheran Church, as well as the Bible school building, were packed to the doors for the morning services held by Pastors Walstad and Grimstad. The climax was reached at the last meeting on Sunday night, July 9th, when sobbing could be heard here and there all over the church, and a deep conviction was seen in the faces of nearly everyone present. When Pastor Walstad spoke very plainly and earnestly about the Ten Virgins and the necessity of having oil (the Holy Spirit) in the vessel (heart) as well as in the lamp (the Word of God) approximately a dozen people, young and old, raised their hands and came forward for prayer.

Praise, thanks and honor be to our heavenly Father that He is still working in our midst by the Holy Spirit through consecrated servants, striving to save a remnant before "the bridegroom cometh."

God's word shall not return void but shall bear its fruit when proclaimed in truth and purity. We are very thankful to God for having sent these men into our midst. And if the Lord tarries, we hope it will be possible to have them with us again, sometime in the future.

Pastor Lars Stalsbroten has also been in our midst during the month of June working together with some of our local men of the Innermission in the more outlying places of our District. And a very definite moving of the Holy Spirit to the awakening of souls was reported from these meetings also. Pastor Stalsbroten has a warm, evangelistic message permeated with a deep concern for lost souls. We hope and pray that the brother will see his way clear to accept the call now being extended to him for three months' evangelistic services in the Innermission in Alberta next summer, if God so wills it.

The harvest is great but laborers are few.

—Martin Erickson, President Central Alberta Innermission Society.

—From Morning Glory.

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MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE L.L. BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE CANADA DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE

Another Biennial Convention of the Canada District Luther League, held in Prince Albert, Sask., July 27th to 30th, 1950, has now become history, but to me, as well as to many I am sure, it is history that will long be remembered.

Those of us who were privileged to attend, heard the theme of the Convention "Behold Christ Crucified" developed for us in all its phases, applicable to everyday living, and I personally was brought home to a clearer realization of just how much we owe to our Saviour, who was willing to be crucified and die for us, in order that we all might live, and I feel too, that many more attending left for their homes with the same feeling.

It was a revelation to me to see the interest shown in the convention by so many of our young people. In these days of world i[illegible] unrest, and with so many enticements offered to lure our young people into worldly living, I noted particularly, that as each Convention is held, the attendance increases, rather than decreases.

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Also of interest to me, in my first experience as delegate to one of our Conventions, was the feeling of friendliness and harmony that existed among those in attendance, a feeling that I have found from personal experience, does not exist among those who are more interested in living a worldly life rather than a Christian life. This was also brought home to me, by what I considered one of the highlights of the convention, when a large number of young people met together in fellowship at the Communion Service, where they joined together in partaking of the Lord's Supper.

I am sure that many feel as I do, that we were fortunate in having as speakers, young men, who have given their lives in order to "Win and Hold Young People for Christ," and as their work is viewed, and the tremendous possibilities in the field of Christian living are realized, a great challenge is issued to all our young people to enter into that field. As was pointed out to us, each one of us has a place to fill in this earthly life, and as the theme of the Convention was developed both by the speakers and in panel discussions by our young people, I believe that many of our young people will be urged on to greater efforts in finding out just what his or her position should be, and in so doing, will strive more earnestly to fulfill that position.

It is rather hard in a few words to describe all one's impressions of so great a Convention, but may I say in closing, that it is with heartfelt thanks to God that I was permitted to attend as a delegate. It has done much to strengthen my faith, and to better help me realize the joy of Christian living.

—Ingrid M. Pettersen, Luther League President, Port Arthur, Ontario.

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CANADIAN LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE BIBLE CAMP

In the beautiful surroundings of the U.E.L.C. camp grounds at Sylvan Lake there were gathered a total of 101 registered campers during the week of July 31-August 6. Pastor Edward Hansen of L.B.I., Minneapolis, gave intensively practice studies in I John under the title of "The True Tests of Christianity." Again this was a new approach to this great epistle.

Pastor Leonard Sogge of Donalda gave a study on the Psalms dealing with the first, twenty-third, and the thirty-second. Many fine thoughts and challenging ones were brought by this servant of the Lord. Daily studies under this theme covered only sketchily these three psalms, which indicates the depths of meaning to be found in these sacred writings.

Dean A. M. Vinge lead a daily study under the title, "God's Great Warning for the Hearers of the Word." Here the parabolic method was studied and the intensely soul searching message found in the Mystery Chapter of Saint Matthew.

In the evenings Pastor Hansen gave some very full and deep-going sermons. There was much food in his messages. In the afternoons on certain days he led the group in an open forum. Then there was volley-ball, horseshoes, softball, swimming, boating, etc. Truly a blessed fellowship.

One Sunday afternoon after the afternoon session a gathering was held in honor of Pastor and Mrs. A. M. Vinge in respect of the silver anniversary year. Accumulated in the "Vinge-New-Car-Fund," sponsored the Board of Trustees, was a gift of $245.00 which was given to them on that day. Gifts still are coming in. It was a blessed time when the fellowship of God's children again sensed the nearness of God's Spirit.

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New S.L.B.I. Building to be Dedicated October 1st

Announcement is hereby made that the service of dedication for the new auditorium-gymnasium at S.L.B.I. will be held October 1st. We hope that many friends and former students will be present at this festive occasion.

—G. O. E.

1950 Annual Report

The annual report will be off the press about August 15. It can be secured from the Augsburg Publishing House, 425 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota. The price is $2.00 for a paper bound copy and $3.00 for cloth bound. Send for it at once!

The annual report contains many inspiring messages and much information about the Church and its work, about its future plans and responsibilities. Every pastor and every officer of the congregation, at least, should own a copy of this report. It is a great source of information as to what our church is doing and how the gifts and contributions by our people are used. Read it!

In editing the annual report it is our aim to make it as clear and simplified as possible.

We divide the report into two main parts:

Part One contains the official messages and reports, a list of the contributions by congregations, by Circuits and by Districts for the year.

Part Two contains 1) the convention membership; 2) convention journal; 3) resolution by departments; 4) elections; 5) Circuit officers; 6) statistics; 7) candidates' vitae; 8) clergy roster.

In the convention Journal reference is made to the basis for the resolutions. For example, "Part I, page 64." The resolutions as adopted by the Convention are also sorted by departments.

The annual report is a book of great value. It portrays our Church in action. It is interesting. Our church is making progress. It is a growing church, not exactly by leaps and bounds, but it is a steady growth. The membership has increased to 813,800 baptized and 576,000 confirmed, which is very encouraging.

We are very grateful to God for the progress made. To Him belongs the honor and glory. We have reason, however, to bow in humility and penitence when we remember how much greater progress our Church could have made if there had been more zeal for the Kingdom and more consecration on the part of its members.

May we continue to go forward with a consuming passion for the salvation of the lost and a constant desire to win our fellow men in ever increasing numbers for Christ and His Church.

Order the 1950 annual report now! It reads like a novel!

—A. J. Bergsaker.

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Songs for the International Choral Union Concert, Seattle, 1951

1. "O Day Full of Grace," Lutheran Hymnary No. 379, Concordia Hymnal No. 226.

2. "Ride on! Ride on in Majesty," W. Glen Darst, H. W. Gray No. 2120.

3. "Jesus Priceless Treasure," J. S. Bach, Augsburg No. 1041.

4. "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming," Arr. Overby, Augsburg No. 1036.

5. "Sing to the Lord," Christopher Tye, Homeyer No. 880-3.

6. "Abide With Me," Lutheran Hymnary No. 552, Concordia Hymnal No. 340.

7. "O Sacred Head," Arr. Christiansen, Augsburg No. 75.

8. "Give Praise," Arr. Christiansen, Augsburg No. 108.

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THE WADENA NEWS

Too bad we have so little time to read. Or should we say, too bad we take so little time for reading. So much of the material, fine material, that comes from the headquarters of our church is simply laid aside and never read. That is especially true during the busy summer months.

Have you read the pamphlet prepared by the Board of Home Missions, entitled "Our Second Century Advance in Home Missions." Everyone should read the entire pamphlet. We cull a few interesting items:

—In the last five years our church has grown 27 per cent or 164,295 new members.

—In 1948, 37,066 souls were added, or an amout equal to 5.1 per cent.

—This means 632 souls added each Sunday of the year.

—If all denominations grew that rapidly it would take only 15 years for all the people of the land to become members of the Christian Church.

—In five and one half years our church extension money available for use has risen from $386,992 to over $3,100,000.00.

—During the last five years a new congregation has started at the rate of one for every 19 days.

—During the same period 237 parishes have become self-supporting one every nine days!

Is it not thrilling? Should we not be thankful?

Does the following thrill us, too?

In spite of the fact that we have given 3.14 times as much for Home Missions in 1949 as compared to 1943 yet this amounts to only fifty-seven cents per person per year! That is about a penny a week from each member of our church!

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We have to talk a little about the Shepherd too. Our faithful business manager was much concerned when we were together at Bible Camp about six weeks ago. He said the Shepherd was in red especially because people did not renew their subscriptions! The number past due ran into a sizable number. This is a plea for our church paper. It is our medium of reaching out to each other through out our District. We need to pray and work that our church paper may grow. It can be accomplished if each one seeks to further its welfare. There is much that each one can do.

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Speaking about reading again, what can you not cull from Bergsaker's annual report? It is a source book regarding our church. It tells the story of the status of our church. We urge you to secure it and read it. It is worth the money.

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Dr. Dale and the business manager decided that we print only one issue of The Shepherd in August. That is the reason for this unusual issue. Both W.M.F. and Y.P.L.L. are featured here.

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We raise our voice again in regard to the Budget and Lutheran World Action. Again the cold weather tells us that time is short. Someone has said that the budget is the life-line of the church. Rightly understood, this is so. Lutheran World Action, too, is a life-line. It is a life-line cast out to our brethren in distress, who without this help, face a bleak and harassing existence.

MORE Y.P.L.L. NEWS

BIBLE CAMP AT PEACE RIVER

The Lutheran Bible Camp of the Peace River Circuit was held July 5-19 at Saskatoon Island, near Wembley, Alta. The first week was for the juniors when sixty-five children between the ages of 7 and 15 were in attendance, 82 being the total registration. Several young mothers with their children were camping with us.

There were three class periods each morning. "The Life of Jesus During Passion Week," was taught by Pastor Tveit; "Hymn Study," by Pastor E. B. R. Haave; "Story of Daniel," by Pastor O. H. Olsen; flannelgraph lessons by Mrs. Haave and Mrs. Tveit. The local pastors conducted the evening services.

The following were on the camp staff: Manager, Pastor O. H. Olsen; dean, Pastor E. B. R. Haave; dean of girls, Mrs. Olaf Severson; dean of boys, Pastor A. Tveit; cook, junior week, Mrs. Lokseth; cook, senior week, Mrs. S. Swanberg.

Forty were registered at senior week. Pastor K. A. Knutson of Clearbrook, Minn., former pastor in this circuit, who was instrumental in starting this camp, was guest speaker. It was a joy to have Pastor and Mrs. Knutson, Paul and Martha with us. The morning classes were: "Israel's Release from Egypt," by Pastor Tveit; "Old Testament Types of Christ," by Pastor Knutson; "The Story of the Christian Church," by Pastor Haave.

In the afternoons, swimming, softball, volley ball, etc., occupied our time. When the weather was rainy we played games and had contests indoors. One afternoon all campers motored to Saskatoon Mountain. The grand view of the surrounding country was enjoyed. After a weiner roast and ice cream, we had devotion and a nill sing in God's open.

Several visitors joined us in the evening services. The messages by Pastor Knutson were heart searching and challenging. An evening lunch of cocoa and sandwiches was much appreciated. A new cabin was built this year. All campers were comfortably housed.

A fine spirit prevailed throughout both camps. God blessed us with His nearness. May the Good Seed take root and grow to everlasting life.

—Marie Tveit, reported.

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LUTHER LEAGUE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Christopher Lake Bible Camp

It was indeed a privilege and a challenge to attend the first Luther League Leadership School to be held in Canada from July 24th to July 27th at Christopher Lake Bible Camp site, north of Prince Albert, Sask.

It is the intention of these camps to train our youth in leadership so that they may be better able to carry out league work on the local level. That this aim has been achieved there is no doubt. Those of us who were privileged to be there can truly say, "It was good to be there."

The three days spent at the school were busy ones, but enjoyable and enlightening. The day began with breakfast at 7.30, devotions at 8.30 followed by classes from 9.00 to 12.00 Dinner was served at that time and students spent an hour in study from 1.30 to 2.30. Following this study hour was a planning hour when the different groups of the Model League planned and arranged for their part in the program. The Model League was drawn up under the direction of Pastor E. N. Nelson, our Luther League Evangelist, and was made up of all the campers, divided into groups with a captain and advisor. Following the planning hour was a period of one hour for organized sports with the remainder of the afternoon open which was usually spent in swimming or boating. Supper was served at 6.00. From 7.30 to 8.30 the different groups of the Model League shared with us their part in the leadership training and the day closed with vespers from 9.00 to 9.30.

Camp life was informal, yet the behavior of the campers was excellent. They were there to receive instruction and guidance, and gathering from the remarks and testimonies of several of the campers, they did receive the help they sought.

We received an insight into Doctrine under studies led by Dr. Warren Quanbeck of Luther Theological Seminary and were indeed challenged on a personal level to a fulness of the Christian life through the Word and the Sacraments. Dr. O. K. Storaasli of Saskatoon led us in Evangelism studies. This was a challenge to all campers. All we who are Christians have received a call to evangelize and as we have answered that call the responsibility rests with us to go out into the work of the Kingdom and seek out the lost to bring them to Christ. This work begins in the home and is carried out from there into the work of the church and community.

Pastor E. N. Nelson, our Luther League Evangelist, brought studies in youth leadership, and I know that I can say with all the campers, we did learn something we didn't know before. Have we as leaguers always sought to do our utmost in the work of holding and winning young people for Christ? We were asked: "Who were leaders?"—and found that all Christians are leaders in the work of extending the Kingdom of God. Through the Model League we received the practical help needed, and which could so easily be forgotten.

I am sure that I can say with all the campers who were there that the time seemed too short. Five days would have given us more time to devote to the studies as most of them had to be combined and also there would have been more time devoted to practical leadership. We were all challenged to a fuller Christian life, and always on the personal level. We are called as individuals, we are commissioned as individuals, and the work goes forward only as we as individuals devote our time and energy to witnessing for Christ.

I definitely feel that these Leadership Schools should be continued, and that we as leaguers who attended this first camp, impress upon our congregations the benefits that can be derived from such a school. As circuit president, I also urge all leagues to make preparations now for the next camp, send the local president, advisors or others holding office, and you will reap the benefits of a smoothly running league. We must train our youth to be leaders in the work of bringing others to Christ!

—Trygve Skretting, President,
Southern Alberta Circuit.

BLESSINGS FLOODED OVER

Another blessed convention has been recorded in the secretary's books, but more than that it has been recorded in the hearts of the 319 registered Leaguers at the convention and the many other visitors who enjoyed the spirit-filled sessions. We trust that by now this Canada District Luther League convention has also made an impact on the countless Luther Leaguers who were not able to be present but who have heard the reports from their delegates or others.

The 63 registered at Leadership School at Christopher Lake were doubly blessed. It was a real school! And having such a model league really gave us an incentive to "seek out our young people" to make all our Canada District Leagues grow. We want our Leagues to grow in number but more than that, we want each Leaguer to grow in Christ. Our convention in P.A. put the "Amen" to all we'd learned at Leadership School. The one thing needful for growth in number and in Christ is, of course, to "Behold Christ Crucified".

We had no difficulty finding our meeting place in Prince Albert, for—there beside the Presbyterian Church and across the whole street our banners hung bearing our theme: "Behold Christ Crucified." Leaguers from across Canada met for convention again!

The next three days we were kept happily busy feasting on God's Word and meeting new friends at the many sessions; prayer meetings, choral union rehearsals, Bible studies, panel discussions, joint inspirationals, dinners, fellowship and gathering again for sessions or business. Saturday was the unforgettable outing — and the ball games; three cheers for Southern Saskatchewan! Our Bible centred P.T.L. program and picnic supper out in God's great open doors, on the banks of the Little Red, brought our outing to a perfect close and we were off to the city again to prepare for the evening service.

We were "up in the mountain" again at the convention. The blessed experiences filled our hearts to overflowing with gratitude to God that He had led us to "Behold Christ Crucified." Accepting this personally our hearts were lifted in prayer of rededication to "Behold Christ Crucified—and Repent, and Decide, and Tell the World, and Pray, and Serve." Each speaker was truly used of God in bringing these messages. What made the experience so rich was the presence of our risen Jesus. We've come down from the "mountain top" again—back home in the valleys. But here, too, the experiences are rich because Jesus comes down and follows each individual Leaguer in his daily tasks and His presence always brings peace and joy. Canadian Leaguers, let us make our lives rich in walking close to our Christ every day and be busy pointing those whom He has placed around us to "Behold Christ Crucigled."—Canada District L.L. Secretary, Amy Grue.

1950 BIBLE CAMPS

This has been a record year for Bible Camp attendance in our district. Again the word has been sown in many young hearts. We rejoice in the knowledge that to so many Jesus has become their personal Savior. The following is a summary of 1950 attendance:

Camp	Registration
Peace River, Junior	84
Peace River, Senior	36
Camrose and Edmonton,	
Family Retreat	114
Senior Leaguers	222
Southern Alberta	73
Prince Albert	203
Y.P.L.L. Leadership, Christopher	63
Elbow Free Church and Saskatoon Circuit	95
Moose Jaw (Midale Camp)	90
Swift Current	104
Nelson Lake (Yorkton circuit)	145
Total	1229

Besides the above camps the two Bible schools in our district conduct special leadership camps too. Let us continue to thank God for the Bible camp movement in our midst.

—Mr. G. Loken,
Bible Camp Co-ordinator.

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W.M.F. NEWS ITEMS

DEVOTIONAL

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Romans 8:14.

As Christians we are Spirit-born and are to be Spirit-led. The Spirit of God working through the Word seeks to not only convict of sin and show us our lost condition, whereby we flee for refuge to our Savior, but to continue His pruning and building up process to more and more establish us in Christ. Thus to become a Christian and to remain a Christian one must from beginning to end, be obedient to the Holy Spirit, through the faithful reading of God's Word and through prayer. Paul definitely has Christians in mind when he twice warns in his letters, 'Resist not the Spirit of God;" "Grieve not the Spirit of God."

When it comes to this matter of obedience to the Holy Spirit how do our lives measure up? In Gal. 5 Paul first sets forth a long list of what obedience to the flesh is (adultery, fornication, uncleanliness, lasciviousness, idoltary, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings) and what this leads to. "As many as do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." Against such a black background he paints for us, as on a canvass, the fruits of the Spirit, which are "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law."

It is wondefrul to know when we fail we can turn to I John I:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." When we confess our sins we should not be general but name them one by one as the Holy Spirit shows us, then we can have victory through the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed for each and everyone. Let us pray.

Lord, grant me such a love,
For souls who stray,
That when I kneel to pray
Each passing day—
For them I'll pray.
Lord, grant me such a life
To live for Thee,
That in my daily walk
All men may see—
Thou art in me.

—Mrs. R. O. Olson.

MOOSE JAW CIRCUIT SPRING CONVENTION

The W.M.F. of the Moose Jaw Circuit held their annual spring convention in Lake Alma, Pastor Solheim's parish, on Wednesday, May 31, the day preceeding the circuit meeting.

The program was centered on the theme, "Build with God." I Cor. 3:9. All three sessions were very well attended and represented by delegates from all parts of the Circuit.

Our District president, Mrs. E. Pederson, Outlook, was in attendance and gave an interesting and informal talk on W.M.F. work besides rendering talented musical selections.

Miss Olga Guttormson, missionary from Zululand, South Africa, was our guest speaker, and by means of speech, flannelgraph and films, gave us a clear picture of the beliefs, superstitions, customs and homes of the Zulu people who are in spiritual darkness. They need our prayers and service.

Vocal and instrumental numbers, pep talks by our department secretaries and three topics centered on the theme were other features on our program.

A brief case was presented to our Circuit president, Mrs. Olaf Fonstad, to be used also by future presidents of Moose Jaw Circuit W.M.F.

Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Olaf Fonstad, Torquay; vice-president, Mrs. Clarence Lindgren, Estevan; secretary, Mrs. Raymond Anderson, Viceroy; treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Egland, Midale.

NEWS ITEMS

The Norronna W.M.F. at Bulyea, Sask., held a pie social and a quiz program on June 23, 1950. The sum of $39.45 was realized. A portion of this money is to be used to purchase from Miss Amy Haugen an altar cloth for the church. The cloth was made by Miss Haugen while she was a patient in the sanatorium. The auctioneer for the evening was Mr. Oscar Thompson. Mrs. Oscar Thompson, Mrs. Vern Nordal and Mrs. Herb Maskell were in charge of the quiz.

—Mrs. G. W. Flotre, Bulyea, Sask.,
Promotion secretary.

WHAT NEXT?

Now that the Circuit and General conventions are over, what are we occupying our minds and time with now? No doubt many will answer, "We are busy gardening, canning, trying to keep cool, or maybe going to the lake off and on for a good swim." This is fine, but don't you think we need to have some outside interest so we don't get too wrapped up in ourselves and our own work?

I hope you are all continuing your Ladies' Aid meetings during the summer months. We should deem it a privilege to belong to such an organization, and should give it all the support we can muster. Are we doing our best to contact those outside the church to join us? Remember Christ expects every Christian to be a Missionary wherever he or she may be.

Here's an idea some of you may want to use. Ever heard of a galloping tea? I know some of you have, and by all reports it was a real success. Here's the general idea of the tea: One lady decides to go galloping one day so she goes and picks up two, three, four or five ladies, and they go and call on another W.M.F. member. By the way, the ladies this person picks up, aren't permitted to change clothes. That's part of the fun. When you reach your destination, the hostess is to serve you coffee or tea or whatever she happens to have in the house, takes up a collection and of course this goes to the Ladies' Aid treasurer to help further the work of God's Kingdom. Our Ladies' Aid here at Bulyea is having one the last week in July and the first week in August. I've heard of some Aids having them for a month and another had it all during the winter months. Why not give it a try?

Have any of you had a quiz program before your pie social or sale or whatever you may be sponsoring? We had one here not so long ago and everyone seemed to enjoy it. The committee in charge made up the quiz in groups of three, including Biblical, geographical, invention, local, and special day celebration questions. The person answering the quiz had to get two our of three questions before they got a prize. The prizes included combs, gum, thimbles, pencils, etc. If you'd like further information on how we arranged it, please do not hesitate to write to me.

In closing I'd like to quote John 3:30: "He must increase, but I must decrease." If we all keep this in mind, the work of God's Kingdom will surely advance.

—Promotion Secretary, Canada District, Mrs. Helen Thompson, Bulyea, Sask.

OUTLOOK BIBLE WEEK

The Outlook Bible Week, held July 31 to August 6, brought many blessings to those in attendance. Only 35 were registered for the day class periods. However, a considerably larger number attended the evening and Sunday services.

In the two days he was with us, Dr. Warren Quanbeck led us in a survey study of Galatians. He pointed out that the Law was given not as a ladder to heaven, but as an open door to hell that men might come to see their need of grace. His apt use of modern translations made the message of this epistle startingly modern.

Pastor W. E. Klawitter's morning class periods centered about I John, with the emphasis placed on fellowship with God. He also had charge of the afternoon discussion periods, and regularly contributed solos to the evening service.

In his survey of Missions, Mr. Paul J. Lindell dwelt mainly on the opportunities confronting the Christian Church today because of the weaknesses of heathen religions. He emphasized that the time of mission opportunity is short. His evening messages were very heart-searching.

Plans are already under way for next year's Bible Week. It was generally agreed by those in attendance this year that the first week in July would be a more suitable time of the summer for this conference.

MORE Y.P.L.L. NEWS

IBBESTAD LUTHER LEAGUE PICNIC

On July 31 the Ibbestad Luther League sponsored a picnic at the Big Bow River, with about 60 young and old folks there. Some went fishing and others played ball. The ladies had prepared a delicious lunch together with free ice cream. After lunch sides were chosen for softball, which stimulated our appetites for the delicious supper of salads, sandwiches, cakes, cookies and coffee, with ice cream for desert.

After supper were races and a ladies' tug-of-war, with chocolate bars for the winners. We played another softball game while others packed up. On the way home was a steep river hill to climb, which some cars couldn't take, so a long rope was hooked on and man power helped. One car couldn't make the top and when it started to roll backwards the driver got nervous and lost control. The car went over a 15-foot bank about 50 feet from the river and stopped. We were thankful that no one was hurt. That shows us there was another hand that was guiding us through the day.

—Harold Orsten, Corresponding Sec.

A UNIQUE BIBLE CAMP

It was my privilege to spend the week with 95 campers at the Elbow Bible Camp—one of the most enthusiastic and co-operative groups of young people I have ever worked with.

The camp is nestled amongst the hills within the elbow of the South Saskatchewan river. The camp is just off Highway 45 and is therefore readily accessible under all conditions. The site is beautifully wooded with huge willows, poplars, maples and saskatoon trees. There is ample level playground space, and room for more cabins and camp buildings. This site on the large elbow of the river is a beauty spot affording panoramic views of rolling hills sweeping down to meet the wide expanse of the waters of the South Saskatchewan. Nearby are springs and beaver dams. Juicy saskatoons are ever popular with the campers. Swimming in the river is not permitted, but showers are provided. Plans are being considered for a paddling pool and swimming pool to be built.

The camp is well equipped and planned. There is a large combination dining room and kitchen. Water is brought to the kitchen by a force pump which pumps water from a spring. A hot water front in a large stove keeps a tank full of hot water. Small cabins are available to faculty members. There are large comfortable dormitories equipped with beds —one for the boys and one for the girls. Tents are also used. A large circular tent is used for classes and preaching services. The whole camp is lit up with electric lights, power being supplied from a 110-volt generator. Swings, teeter-totter and large sand bin are provided for the smaller folk. There is a fine ball diamond and volleyball court.

This camp was started, promoted and improved by laymen of the Lutheran Free Church. Teamwork of large groups of men has done all the building and clearing. Plans for each year are made by a representative board which appoints the necessary officials and selects the faculty for each year.

No fees are charged anyone, but donations of food or money are received. Every year there is a large cash surplus. Meals were "tops" and well prepared.

This camp reaches out to all ages. A special teacher is provided for the small children. Then there is an intermediate class for those below confirmation. The senior class is for all ages above confirmation. During the afternoon recreational period a Bible class is provided for the older folk and visitors to the camp.

Many decisions for Christ have been made at this camp. A large group of fine Christian folk are backing the work up with their prayers. Thy Kingdom come!

—G. Loken.

BOOK REVIEWS

"Snapshorts," by Bernhard H. J. Habel is published by Augusburg Publishing House. There are fifty-two sketches in this fine book. There are a variety of topics presented in such a way as to project the reader into the very situations described. It could be said that this book presents much of Home Mission service and its attendant problems. All this is written with a heartthrob in it.

Do you like nature sketches? The author's keen appreciation of nature and the warm friendliness to God's creatures which his spirit manifests, brings joy to the heart. Through these sketches too the author has a message in mind. This is absorbed through the reading.

The book is evangelical in spirit. Experienced Christianity is a keynote throughout. You will be delighted in these sketches—snapshots. Many of them you will read more than once.

"Jonah Speaks," by Pastor Maynard A. Force, teacher at Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis. Published by Augsburg Publishing House.

Who would not like to learn more about the Book of Jonah? Pastor Force has for a long period of time written devotional articles that have appeared in many periodicals including the Augustana Companion, The Bible Banner, Evangelize.

In reading these articles one found at once that the author has a fine way of getting "nourishment" out of the Word and he served it in simple style. The most ordinary terms and pharses yield gleams of light in his writings. God has given him a unique gift.

Many will be happy to know that there is now available this fine book "Jonah Speaks." The chapters are grouped under four headings: Retreat, Repentance, Revival and Rebellion. In the first chapter "Now" we find one of the striking statements of which this book abounds. It reads: "This little word 'now' is like a key. To be sure, it is small for it contains only three letters . . . but all keys are small compared to the rooms that they can unlock."

Here's another in the chapter entitled "A Great Fish." "Many people see only the fish in this verse and fail to see Jehovah who made it." This is a fine book.

W.M.F. COOK BOOK

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

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Onward Luther Leaguers, Onward on our way,
We are headed onward, Onward to P.A.
On to our Convention where the theme will be,
"To Behold Christ Crucified," Crucified for me.
Onward Luther Leaguers, Onward as we sing,
Onward to Prince Albert! On with Christ our King.

LET'S EVALUATE!

"I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1.

Back home again! We do not pause and evaluate our "P.A." Convention and Leadership Training School. First as to the number attending. In looking up the Grande Prairie Convention delegate roster, I find we had two hundred and sixteen (216) delegates, while at Prince Albert three hundred and nineteen (319) registered, thus an increase of one hundred and three.

Another noticeable fact was the increase in proportion of number of leaguers to visitors attending. At Grande Prairie we had fifty visitors registered. The number of visitors registering at Prince Albert was twenty-seven. In other words, the leaguers themselves are coming out to their own Convention and taking a more active part in the League program. This speaks well for "the church of tomorrow."

Considering the size of the district the attendance at the Leadership School conducted at Christopher Lake Bible Camp site was good with sixty-three Leaguers registered. Better representation from the different circuits was to be desired though. One or two circuits had little or no representation as compared with others.

The practical course was of very great value to Leaguers and advisors. The mornings were taken up with lectures on Bible Study, Evangelism and Leadership. The afternoons were spent in study, planning sessions, and planned recreation under the supervision of the Leaguers themselves. The course was very practical indeed; to the presenting of a P.T.L. banquet and the "giving" of a financial report by the "local" treasurer. In other words the leaguers at camp were organized on the local-league level with the different committees conducting the activities of their respective phases of the league program.

The Convention was not only successful in attendance but in spiritual impact as well. Many leaguers can testify of that fact in a very personal way, I know.

It is taken for granted that every leaguer who attended will bring back information and inspiration to his or her local league. Could not the league-delegate share the blessings with some league which did not have a representative at the Convention? Circuit presidents would possibly have a Convention report during an exchange program at some league meeting or Circuit rally.

—Canada Dist. L.L. President,
Norman Foster.

WHO COULD FORGET?

"And looking upon Jesus as He walked, He saith, "Behold the Lamb of God!" John 1:36.

Any convention centering their thoughts around this verse could not help but leave deep and lasting impressions upon those who attended.

Our Biennial Convention at Prince Albert was a wonderful and blessed experience for me and one which I will long remember.

Who could forget the eloquent and earnest Bible studies of Dr. Quanbeck, or the heart-searching and challenging messages of our Luther League evangelist, Pastor Nelson, as they brought us face to face with the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world?" Who could forget the blessings we received as we sang praises to God in our singspirations led by Dr. Storaasli? Who could forget the privilege that was ours to be able to sing in our Chorial Union rehearsals and concert under the direction of Pastor Evenson.

At this convention, as in the Saskatoon convention last year, I was impressed at the earnestness of all the Luther Leaguers as they attended the various sessions.

We had fun, too, lots of it, and it was a joy to fellowship with old and new friends. Truly we did "Behold Christ Crucified" everywhere we turned.

Thanks, P.A., for your kindess, hospitality and for a wonderful convention.

—Glen Johnson, Torquay, Sask.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers elected for the Canada District Luther League for the next Biennium are:

President: Mr. Norman Foster, Sexsmith, Alberta. Re-elected.
Vice-President: Pastor Arnold Hagen, Prince Albert, Sask.
Recording Secretary: Miss Amy Grue, Moose Jaw, Sask.
Treasurer: Miss Isabelle Kaldor, Prince Albert, Sask.
Pocket Testament League Secretary: Miss Jorgine Salte, Outlook, Sask.
Junior Intermediate Secretary: Mr. Daniel Vinge, Camrose, Alta.
Bible Camp Co-ordinator: Mr. G. Loken, Outlook, Sask.
Choral Union Director: Pastor G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.
Choral Union President: Pastor S. T. Jacobson, Milo, Alberta.

Dr. M. A. Dale, President of Canada District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church conducted the installation of officers Sunday afternoon.

THE CONVENTION WAS WONDERFUL!

"What a wonderful Convention!" was the thought expressed by many who were at the P.A. Luther League Convention. In fact it had to be wonderful for God was there with His blessing upon the sessions and upon individuals. His presence was felt. It was the expected thing, too, that the Leaguers should enjoy it, for the Christian fellowship was inspiring. We continue to praise His Name that new souls were added to the fellowship.

"Behold Christ Crucified" became a living theme after the many clear presentations in these varied phases. In Beholding Christ we were to believe that He died to atone, to forgive, to indwell, and judge. Repentance is needed. Decisions have to be made about friendships, life's work, and stewardship. Christ is beheld through the "means of grace"; baptism and the Lord's Supper. The world has to be told of Christ's crucifixion. As Christians we must pray and live for Christ. As the Bible teachers, evangelist, missionary, and Leaguers themselves urged the above, we felt anew the desire and determination to be a true soldier of the Crucified Lord Jesus. He underwent much for us: much we owe Him. Leaguers, let's give our "all" to Christ.

Not only did the messages mean much to us. The entire Convention was uplifting. The morning prayer meetings, the Sunday Communion service, the sing-spiration periods, the Choral Union, the fellowship during meals, the interesting outings, and the opportunity to help financially.

"The Convention was wonderful." Yes, Leaguers, we all agree. Let us thank God for providing ways and means for us to attend.

Leaguers, let's begin making plans for the International gathering in 1951. Let's be "Westward Bound for Puget Sound!" and "Paddle for Seattle!"

—Juverna Olson, Leader, Sask.

"I enjoyed the Saskatoon convention, but this convention meant much more to me in every way."

—A Leaguer.

INSERTS FROM THE MESSAGES

"Soak your prayers in the Word of God."—Evangelist Nelson.

"Christianity is not living an artificial life—being what you are not."

"Be burned up for God." 'No greater reward on earth than, 'We have found Jesus'."—Dr. Dale.

"You who are Christ's repent; of easily hurt feelings, of not giving your "all" to Christ, your hesitancy to serve, not witnessing at all times, of self heartedness, of pride, of disobedience in seeking the lost."—Pastor Evenson.

Dr. Storaasli stated that 740 billion people have come under the cross of Christ. That is, nearly a thrillion. If one went a round trip from Halifax to Vancouver 165 million times, it would equal a thrillion, or if three million people made $50 a week each for 100 years it would amount to a thrillion dollars. In respect to this one sees the tremendous gift of Christ.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Winners of the oratorical contest held at the Luther League convention in Prince Albert were Glen Johnson of Torquay, Sask., who spoke on "Mixed Marriages," and Miss Lorraine Newton, Estevan, Sask., who spoke on "The Liquor Problem." They will participate in the oratorical contest of the International Luther League convention to be held at Seattle, Wash., in 1951. Other contestants were Kathryn Haugen, Outlook, Sask., who spoke on "Alcohol," Elmer Rawling, Saskatoon, who spoke on "The Call," Anne Strack, Grande Prairie, who spoke on "Workers Together With God," and Walter Johnson, La Glace, Alta., who spoke on, "Why I Became a Sunday School Teacher."

The first scholarship offered by the Canada District Luther League was awarded to Mr. Harold Engen of Dollard, Sask., who attended Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute, Outlook, Sask.

"COME YE APART"

Jesus said to His disciples, "Come ye apart and rest yourselves awhile." This we did, spiritually speaking, and can testify with Peter, "Lord, it has been good for us to be here."

The Yorkton Circuit Bible Camp was held July 5-12 at Nelson Lake near Preeceville, Sask. The camp manager was Pastor L. Knutson of Margo; the dean was Pastor S. Bue of Naicam; and the nurse was Miss Olga Guttormson, missionary to South Africa. Our guest speaker was Pastor A. M. Vinge of Camrose, Alberta. We were happy to have with us again Pastor Archie Morck of the Danish Lutheran Church in Swan River, Manitoba, together with many of his Leaguers. We hope we will be privileged to continue sharing their fellowship.

Morning classes were led by Pastors A. M. Vinge, Harold Severtson, and Arne Berstad, based on Genesis, Gospel Glimpses, Psalm 23, and Personal Evangelism. We were also blessed by having two missionaries with us. Miss Olga Guttormson of South Africa presented the work and needs of that land by word and picture. Missionary Arnfeld Morck of Colombia, South America also had much to tell and show from there. In this time of unrest they urgently need our prayer support. Children's classes held separtely the first two periods, were taught by Irene Knudsen and Bernice Berg.

Nelson Lake Bible Camp suffered from "growing pains" this year with a record attendance of about 150. Dormitory buildings were found too small and the numerous tents were not always ample protection on some of those cold rainy days! Although grabbing food and dishes and running down to the chapel for breakfast to escape the sudden downpour added adventure to camp, still we agreed that a covered dining hall would be very nice! In view of this, the board decided to have two camps next year, the first as a Family Retreat Week, and the second week for teen-agers, ages 13 and over.

Sports, as usual, played a large part in camp life in the afternoon. Swimming, horseshoe, volley ball, croquet, and ball were enjoyed by all under the direction of Odd Steistol and Martin Solbrekken. A very keen softball tournament held the spotlight, with Rose Valley's "little boys" coming out on top!

Bringing each day to a fitting close, we enjoyed a half hour of challenging Christian films before the Vesper services. Our guest speaker, Pastor Vinge, then simply and directly opened to us the Scriptures whereby souls were saved and Christians strengthened. God's Spirit was certainly in our midst. Evening campfire service and Bible School Night were other highlights.

God has set His stamp of approval on our camp by richly blessing it. May we be quick and faithful to rise to meet its needs and thus serve God in this way.

"And the least you do for Jesus
Will be precious in His sight."

—Bernice Berg.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS PRICES RAISED

Due to higher freight rates and the 10½ per cent discount on Canadian money when goods are purchased from sources in the United States, the Bible Institute Book Store, Outlook, has found it necessary to raise the prices of some books. Mention is made here especially of the Augsburg Sunday School texts. These now sell at 73c a single copy. For orders of six or more to one address, the price is 70c per book.

BOOK FOR SALE

The book is entitled, "I was a Priest," by J. L. Vinet.

148 pages and the price is $1.25 postpaid.

This book is written by an ex-priest who gives his reason for leaving the Catholic priesthood, and he joins the Protestant faith. This book is written in simple and outspoken words.

—B. O. Stenseth, Wilcox, Sask.

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